

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

\_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.  
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2014 AS  
“MENTORING MONTH”**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, the “Mentoring Month” celebration will be commemorated this month of January, 2014 in San Luis Obispo County, a month whereby we celebrate the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Mentor Program of San Luis Obispo, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of San Luis Obispo, Family Care Network Incorporated, and all of the Mentors who have enriched the youth these organizations serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the future of San Luis Obispo County rests on the hopes and dreams of its children and young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of Mentoring Month in San Luis Obispo are to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality in mentoring into their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, a mentor is a caring, consistent presence who devotes time and offers valuable encouragement, motivation and hope for our youth to discover their personal strength and potential through a structured and trusting relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces young people to new ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring programs have shown to be effective in combating school violence and disciplinary problems, substance abuse, incarceration and truancy; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that youth who participate in mentoring relationships experience a multitude of positive benefits including being more engaged in school, finishing high school and continuing on to college; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that young people who are matched with a caring adult through a quality mentoring program are: 46 percent less likely to use illegal drugs, 27 percent less likely to start drinking, 52 percent less likely to skip school and 37 percent less likely to skip class, and are more trusting of their parents or guardians; and

**WHEREAS**, youth development experts agree that mentoring is critical to the social, emotional and cognitive development of youth, helping them navigate the path to adulthood more successfully; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring is a proven cost-effective investment: for every \$1 invested in mentoring, there is a \$3 return to society; and

**WHEREAS,** despite these benefits, there is a “mentoring gap,” a gap between the availability of mentoring programs and the number of young people in need of a mentor; and

**WHEREAS,** according to new research released this month, one in three young adults say they did not have an adult mentor in their lives while they were growing up; and

**WHEREAS,** National Mentoring Month provides an opportunity to recognize and commend the efforts of these programs and raise community awareness of the importance of mentoring and the need for trained mentors; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, California, does hereby proclaim January 2014 as “Mentoring Month” in San Luis Obispo County. We call upon public officials, business and community leaders, and educators, as well as all San Luis Obispo citizens to hold appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs in observance of “Mentoring Month”.

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chairperson, Board of Supervisors.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk